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### 4.3 Utilities and Community Facilities Goals and Objectives

Community goals are broad, value-based statements expressing public preferences for the long term (20 years or more). They specifically address key issues, opportunities, and problems that affect the community. Objectives are more specific than goals and are more measurable statements usually attainable through direct action and implementation of plan recommendations. The accomplishment of objectives contributes to fulfillment of the goal.

### Goal 1: Support the efficiency, quality, and coordinated planning of town government, community facilities and services, and utilities.

### Objectives:

- A. Consider the efficiency of both town service delivery, and town facilities operation, while striving to meet public expectations with respect to both service levels and costs.
- B. Consider the impacts of development proposals on the cost and quality of town and community facilities and services.
- C. Guide intensive development to areas where appropriate utilities, community facilities, and public services are available.
- D. Monitor the need for new, expanded, or rehabilitated services and town government facilities.
- E. Strive to maintain an adequate level of properly trained town staff and volunteers.
- F. Explore opportunities to provide or improve town facilities, equipment, and services cooperatively with other units of government.
- G. Encourage increased coordination between community facilities and utilities planning and planning for other elements such as land use, transportation, natural resources, and cultural resources.

## Goal 2: Consider functionality and accessibility of parks and recreational facilities when developed.

#### Objectives:

- A. Monitor the adequacy of park and recreational facilities, and identify areas where improvements are needed.
- B. Consider accessibility for all age groups and abilities at appropriate town park and recreational facilities.
- C. Pursue state, federal, and private funding programs that can aid in the acquisition and development of parks, trails, and scenic or environmentally sensitive areas.
- D. Consider the continued viability of outdoor recreational pursuits when reviewing development proposals and making land use decisions.
- E. Maintain existing, and seek public access to waterways.

### Goal 3: Ensure proper disposal of wastewater to protect groundwater and surface water resources.

#### Objectives:

A. Assess the potential impacts to groundwater when reviewing a proposed development that will rely on private onsite wastewater treatment systems.

- B. Work cooperatively with providers of public wastewater treatment when reviewing a proposed development that will rely on public sewer service.
- C. Encourage the use of alternative wastewater treatment options (i.e., new technologies, group sanitary systems, public sewer, etc.) where appropriate.

# Goal 4: Ensure that the town's water supply has sufficient capacity, remains drinkable, and is available to meet the needs of residents, businesses, industry, and agriculture when considering new development.

### Objectives:

- A. Support town-wide leadership and coordination of efforts to monitor groundwater quality and potential contamination issues.
- B. Encourage the increased use of wellhead protection planning as cooperative efforts between municipalities.
- C. Consider the potential impacts of development proposals on public and private wells.

### Goal 5: Ensure that roads, structures, and other improvements are reasonably protected from flooding.

### Objectives:

- A. Support the preservation of environmental features that minimize flooding such as wetlands and floodplains.
- B. Consider the potential impacts of development proposals on the adequacy of existing and proposed stormwater management features including stormwater storage areas, culverts, ditches, and bridges.
- C. Control increased runoff from new developments to reduce potential flooding and flood damage.
- D. Encourage the use of stormwater management practices to abate non-point source pollution and address water quality.

### Goal 6: Encourage effective solid waste disposal and recycling services that protect the public health, natural environment, and general appearance of land use in the town.

#### Objectives:

- A. Support public involvement in decisions involving the type, location, and extent of disposal facilities and services provided in the town.
- B. Continually explore town provisions for solid waste, hazardous waste, and recycling services and opportunities for greater cooperation or cost-effectiveness.
- C. Require substantial development proposals to adequately address solid waste disposal and recycling needs.

### Goal 7: Ensure the provision of reliable, efficient, and well-planned utilities to adequately serve existing and planned development.

#### Objectives:

A. Cooperate in the planning and coordination of utilities with other agencies and units of government where possible.

- B. Minimize conflicts between land uses and balance desired service levels with potential negative impacts to the environment, community character, and planned growth areas when reviewing the proposed design and location of telecommunication, wind energy, or other utility towers.
- C. Support development of alternative and renewable energy sources.

### Goal 8: Support access to quality health and child care facilities.

#### Objectives:

- A. Support requests for the development of properly located and operated health care and child care facilities.
- B. Support school districts and community organizations in their sponsorship of child care programs and early development programs.
- C. Support improved transportation options to and from regional health care facilities.

### Goal 9: Ensure a level of police protection, fire protection, and emergency services that meets the needs of existing and planned future development patterns.

### Objectives:

- A. Provide an adequate level of police protection, law enforcement, and emergency response through Sheriff and Emergency Management programs.
- B. Support the provision of fire protection and emergency services through local fire departments, ambulance services, and first responders.
- C. Encourage the continued use of police, fire, and emergency medical service mutual aid and cooperative agreements.
- D. Support the formation of community watch programs in the town.

### Goal 10: Promote quality schools and access to educational opportunities.

#### Objectives:

- A. Coordinate planning efforts with the school districts that serve the town in order to allow them to anticipate future growth and demographic changes and respond with appropriate facilities.
- B. Support school districts, technical colleges, University of Wisconsin Extension, and community libraries in their efforts to increase community education.

## 4.4 Utilities and Community Facilities Policies and Recommendations

Policies and recommendations build on goals and objectives by providing more focused responses to the issues that the town is concerned about. Policies and recommendations become primary tools the town can use in making land use decisions. Many of the policies and recommendations cross element boundaries and work together toward overall implementation strategies. Refer to Section 9.5 for an explanation of the strategies cited as sources for many of the policies and recommendations.

Policies identify the way in which activities are conducted in order to fulfill the goals and objectives. Policies that direct action using the word "shall" are advised to be mandatory and regulatory aspects of the implementation of the comprehensive plan. In contrast, those policies that direct action using the words "will" or "should" are advisory and intended to serve as a guide. "Will" statements are considered to be strong guidelines, while "should" statements are considered loose guidelines.

Recommendations are specific actions or projects that the town should be prepared to complete. The completion of these actions and projects is consistent with the town's policies, and therefore will help the town fulfill the comprehensive plan goals and objectives.

#### **Policies and Recommendations**

- UCF 1. The Town shall annually update a capital improvement plan that includes transportation, public facility, and other capital needs.
- UCF 2. The Town shall require substantial development proposals provide an assessment of potential impacts to the cost of providing Town facilities and services. The depth of analysis required by the Town will be appropriate for the intensity of the proposed development.
- UCF 3. The Town shall require planned utilities, service facilities and roads be designed to limit the impact to environmental corridors, natural features and working lands (farmland and woodlands).
- UCF 4. The Town shall require the cost of improvement, extension, or construction of public facilities be borne by those whose land development and redevelopment actions that made such improvement, extension, or construction necessary.
- UCF 5. The Town shall consider intergovernmental and other cooperative options before establishing, expanding, or rehabilitating community facilities, utilities, or services.
- UCF 6. The Town shall support efforts that are consistent with the comprehensive plan to maintain public recreational resources.
- UCF 7. The Town shall require new development and planned utilities to use best management practices for construction and site erosion control.
- UCF 8. The Town shall require new developments and planned utilities to ensure that groundwater and surface water resources are not negatively impacted through use or development.
- UCF 9. The Town shall support the County wastewater ordinance and septic permit process.

- UCF 10. The Town shall require new development and planned utilities to address the impact upon the Town's water supply in the planning and construction process.
- UCF 11. The Town shall require new development and planned utilities to address flooding potential.
- UCF 12. The Town shall require new development and planned utilities to address effective solid waste and recycling services.
- UCF 13. The Town shall require telecommunication and other utility towers be designed to be as visually unobtrusive as possible, to support multi-use and reuse, and be safe to adjacent properties.
- UCF 14. The Town shall require new developments to address potential access to telecommunications and broadband internet access.
- UCF 15. Access to adequate telecommunication and broadband internet services for all residents is a priority for the Town.
- UCF 16. The Town shall support local, county, state, and national efforts to provide sufficient access and transportation to health care and child care facilities.
- UCF 17. The Town shall require new development and planned utilities address the ability of the specific agencies to provide appropriate emergency services to all residents of the Town.
- UCF 18. The Town will contract with the County to negotiate ambulance service for the Town and will participate in these negotiations.
- UCF 19. The Town shall support school districts, technical colleges, the University of Wisconsin Extension, community libraries and community education to the degree they serve the residents of the Town.

### 4.5 Utilities and Community Facilities Programs

For descriptions of utilities and community facilities programs potentially available to the community, refer to the *Utilities and Community Facilities* element of the *Burnett County Inventory and Trends Report*.

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